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SUBJECT:EXTENSION OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT, TURKS AND CAICOS

1. AS POST IS AWARE, THE 1961 AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE
U.S. MAINTAINS FACILITIES IN TURKS AND CAICOS EXPIRES ON
DECEMBER 31, 1977. DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO BRITISH
EMBASSY THAT, IN VIEW OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS, CURRENT
AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NEW AGREEMENT IS
CONCLUDED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FCO AGREES TO AN EXTENSION
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TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, BUT MAY WISH TO
EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS VERSUS
INDEFINITELY. BRITISH EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN VIEWS
OF GOVERNOR, TURKS AND CAICOS.

2. TEXT OF U.S. DRAFT NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE (PARA ONE)
REFERENCE IS MADE TO ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF U.S. FACILITIES IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS. (PARA TWO) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT OF 1961 CONCERNING U.S. DEFENSE AREAS IN THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES CONTINUE IN EFFECT IN REGARD TO THE FACILITIES ON THE TURKS AND CAICOS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NEW AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. (PARA THREE) IF THE

PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THIS NOTE IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND THE REPLY THERETO CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE THREE U.S. FACILITIES (U.S. NAVY, U.S. AIR FORCE, AND U.S. COAST GUARD) IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO PROPOSE AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT, USING TEXT ABOVE, PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1977. IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED ON INDEFINITE EXTENSION, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AN EXTENSION OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE, AND TO MODIFY LANGUAGE OF FINAL PHRASE OF PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE ACCORDINGLY. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT AN EXTENSION OF SIX MONTHS BUT NOT LESS. THEREFORE, FOLLOWING LANGUAGE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED: QUOTE ... TURKS AND CAICOS UNTIL JUNE 30, 1978 AND MAY BE RENEWED THEREAFTER. CONFIDENTIAL

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UNQUOTE.

4. REQUEST REPORT STATUS OF NEGOTIATION AND TEXT OF AGREED NOTES BY PRIORITY TELEGRAM.

5. PLEASE POUCH ORIGINAL FCO NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR TREATY AFFAIRS. VANCE

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